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**I. U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

<b><u>Patent No.</u></b>	<b><u>Date Issued</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
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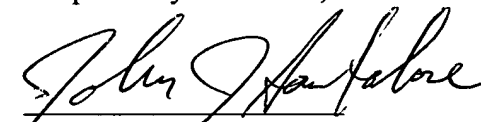
**II. FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

<b><u>Publication No.</u></b>	<b><u>Country</u></b>	<b><u>Publication Date</u></b>
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Applicants have enclosed copies of the above-cited references, except for the Japanese patent publication for which only an abstract is provided. If the Examiner needs English translations of any of the foreign references, please advise.

Because no action has been taken on the merits, Applicants submit that no fee is due at this time. However, if a fee is deemed necessary, please charge Deposit Account No. 11-0171.

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